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December 8, 2008

**REGISTERED MAIL**  
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City of Anacortes  
Planning and Community Development Department  
PO Box 547  
Anacortes WA 98221

RE: Water Quality Certification Order #6273 for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
(Corps) Reference #NWS-2008-951-NO to install a boat ramp extension,  
Anacortes, Guemes Channel, Skagit County, Washington.

Dear Applicant:

On November 4, 2008, you submitted a Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) to the Department of Ecology (Ecology) for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (401 Certification) under the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) for the proposed project.

This project entails:

- Excavation of approximately 6 cubic yards of substrate
- Placement of crushed rock bedding material [how much]
- Installation of 14 pre-cast concrete panels to construct a 13 foot long by 24 foot wide ramp extension.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a joint public notice for an individual Section 404 and Section 10 Permit on October 9, 2008, for the proposed project.

On behalf of the State of Washington, through the enclosed Order, Ecology certifies that the work described in the JARPA and the October 8, 2008, public notice complies with applicable provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307 of the Clean Water Act, as amended and applicable state laws. This certification is subject to the conditions contained in the enclosed Order.



If you have any questions, please contact Lori Lull at 425-649-7271, [LENL461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:LENL461@ecy.wa.gov). The enclosed Order may be appealed by following the procedures described in the Order.

Sincerely,



Erik Stockdale  
401/Wetlands Unit Supervisor  
Northwest Regional Office  
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

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Enclosure

cc: Randel Perry, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Jim Wiggins, ATSI  
Doug Thompson, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

e-cc: Tim Schlender – HQ  
[ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa](mailto:ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa).

<b>IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING A</b>	)	<b>ORDER # 6273</b>
<b>WATER QUALITY</b>	)	<b>Corps Reference No. NWS-2008-951-NO</b>
<b>CERTIFICATION TO</b>	)	Removal of 6 cubic yards of substrate,
<b>City of Anacortes</b>	)	installation of crushed rock bedding material,
in accordance with 33 U.S.C. 1341	)	and installation of 14 pre-case concrete panels to
(FWPCA § 401), RCW 90.48.120, RCW	)	construct a 13 foot long by 24 foot wide ramp
90.48.260 and Chapter 173-201A WAC	)	extension.

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) issued a joint public notice for the project on October 9, 2008. On November 4, 2008, Ecology received a Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) from the City of Anacortes requesting a 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC).

The proposed project entails:

- Excavation of approximately 6 cubic yards of substrate
- Placement of crushed rock bedding material
- Installation of 14 pre-cast concrete panels to construct a 13 foot long by 24 foot wide ramp extension.

The project is located in Guemes Channel, Anacortes, Skagit County, Washington, Section 30, Township 35 North, Range 2 East, WRIA #3.

#### **AUTHORITIES:**

In exercising authority under 33 U.S.C. § 1341, RCW 90.48.120, and RCW 90.48.260, Ecology has reviewed this application pursuant to the following:

1. Conformance with applicable water quality-based, technology-based, and toxic or pretreatment effluent limitations as provided under 33 U.S.C. §§1311, 1312, 1313, 1316, and 1317 (FWPCA §§ 301, 303, 306 and 307);
2. Conformance with the state water quality standards contained in Chapter 173-201A WAC and authorized by 33 U.S.C. §1313 and by Chapter 90.48 RCW, and with other applicable state laws; and
3. Conformance with the provision of using all known, available and reasonable methods to prevent and control pollution of state waters as required by RCW 90.48.010.

## **WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION CONDITIONS:**

Through issuance of this Order, Ecology certifies that it has reasonable assurance that the activity as proposed and conditioned will be conducted in a manner that will not violate applicable water quality standards and other appropriate requirements of state law. In view of the foregoing and in accordance with 33 U.S.C. §1341, RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260 Chapter 173-200 WAC and Chapter 173-201A WAC, water quality certification is granted to the Applicant subject to the conditions within this Order.

Certification of this proposal does not authorize the Applicant to exceed applicable state water quality standards (Chapter 173-201A WAC), ground water quality standards (Chapter 173-200 WAC) or sediment quality standards (Chapter 173-204 WAC). Furthermore, nothing in this certification shall absolve Watermark Estate Management Services from liability for contamination and any subsequent cleanup of surface waters, ground waters or sediments occurring as a result of project construction or operations.

### **A. General Conditions:**

1. For purposes of this Order, the term "Applicant" shall mean City of Anacortes, and its agents, assignees and contractors.
2. For purposes of this Order, all submittals required as conditions shall be sent to Ecology's Northwest Regional Office, Attn: Federal Project Coordinator, 3190 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Bellevue, WA 98008-5452 or via e-mail (preferred), if possible, to the Coordinator assigned to this project. Notifications shall be made via phone or e-mail (preferred). All submittals and notifications shall be identified with Order No. 6273 and include the Applicant's name, project name, project location, the project contact and the contact's phone number.
3. Work authorized by this Order is limited to the work described in the JARPA received by Ecology on November 4, 2008. The Applicant will be out of compliance with this Order and must reapply with an updated application if the information contained in the JARPA and updated drawings is voided by subsequent changes to the project not authorized by this Order.
4. Within 30 days of receipt of an updated JARPA Ecology will determine if the revised project requires a new water quality certification and public notice or if a modification to this Order is required.
5. This Order shall be rescinded if the Corps does not issue a Section 404 and Section 10 permit.

6. This Order does not exempt, and is provisional upon, compliance with other statutes and codes administered by federal, state, and local agencies.
7. Copies of this Order shall be kept on the job site and readily available for reference by Ecology personnel, the construction superintendent, construction managers and lead workers, and state and local government inspectors.
8. The Applicant shall provide access to the project site and all mitigation sites upon request by Ecology personnel for site inspections, monitoring, necessary data collection, and/or to ensure that conditions of this Order are being met.
9. Nothing in this Order waives Ecology's authority to issue additional orders if Ecology determines that further actions are necessary to implement the water quality laws of the state. Further, Ecology retains continuing jurisdiction to make modifications hereto through supplemental order, if additional impacts due to project construction or operation are identified (*e.g.*, violations of water quality standards, downstream erosion, etc.), or if additional conditions are necessary to further protect water quality.
10. The Applicant shall ensure that all project engineers, contractors, and other workers at the project site with authority to direct work have read and understand relevant conditions of this Order and all permits, approvals, and documents referenced in this Order. The Applicant shall provide Ecology a signed statement (see Attachment A for an example) from each signatory that s/he has read and understands the conditions of this Order and the above-referenced permits, plans, documents and approvals. These statements shall be provided to Ecology before construction begins.
11. This Order does not authorize direct, indirect, permanent, or temporary impacts to waters of the state or related aquatic resources, except as specifically provided for in conditions of this Order.
12. Any person who fails to comply with any provision of this Order shall be liable for a penalty of up to \$10,000 per violation per day for each day of continuing noncompliance.

## **B. Water Quality**

1. Per the state water quality standards Chapter 173-201A-200 WAC Guemes Channel is designated as "extraordinary" and the criteria of that designation apply to this project, except as specifically authorized by this Order.
2. This Order does not authorize temporary exceedances of water quality standards beyond the limits established in WAC 173-201A-210(e)(i).

3. Mitigation and/or additional monitoring may be required if water quality standards are not met.
  - a. For this project, the following is considered to be an exceedance of the water quality turbidity standard:
    - i. If project-related turbidity is visible at a 150 feet radius from the in-water activity.

**C. Conditions for Construction Activities**

1. Construction stormwater, sediment, and erosion control best management practices (BMPs; *e.g.*, filter fences, etc.) suitable to prevent exceedances of state water quality standards shall be in place before starting construction at the site.
2. Any construction debris or dredge spoils shall be temporarily stored upland of the ordinary high water mark so that it cannot enter a waterway or cause water quality degradation to state waters.
3. Wash water containing oils, grease, or other hazardous materials resulting from wash down of equipment or working areas shall be contained for proper disposal, and shall not be discharged into state waters or storm drains.
4. Equipment for excavation and placement of materials shall be operated from the existing boat ramp.
5. Any excavated material shall be disposed at an approved upland disposal site.

**F. Timing Requirements:**

1. This Order is valid until all compliance requirements in this document have been met.
2. In-water work shall be subject to timing limitations imposed by WDFW. Work in or near the water that may affect fish migration, spawning, or rearing shall cease immediately upon a determination by WDFW that fisheries resources may be adversely affected.

**G. Notification Requirements:**

1. Applicant shall provide notice to Ecology's 401/CZM Federal Project Manager at least three (3) days prior to the start of construction and within 14 days after completion of

construction at the project site. Notification, referencing Corps Reference #NWS-2008-951-NO, Order #6273, can take place by telephone to (425) 649-7271 or (425) 649-7000, fax to (425) 649-7271, or in writing.

**H. Emergency/Contingency Measures:**

1. The Applicant shall develop and implement a Spill Prevention and Containment Plan for all aspects of this project.
2. The Applicant shall have adequate and appropriate spill response materials on hand to respond to emergency release of petroleum products or any other material into waters of the state.
3. Fuel hoses, oil drums, oil or fuel transfer valves and fittings, etc., shall be checked regularly for drips or leaks, and shall be maintained and stored properly to prevent spills into state waters.
4. Any work that is out of compliance with the provisions of this Order, or conditions causing distressed or dying fish, or any discharge of oil, fuel, or chemicals into state waters, or onto land with a potential for entry into state waters, is prohibited. If these occur, the Applicant shall immediately take the following actions:
  - a. Cease operations at the location of the violation or spill.
  - b. Assess the cause of the water quality problem and take appropriate measures to correct the problem and/or prevent further environmental damage.
  - c. Notify Ecology of the failure to comply. All oil spills shall be reported immediately to Ecology's 24-Hour Spill Response Team at 1-800-258-5990, **and** within 24 hours of spills or other events to Ecology's 401/CZM Federal Project Manager at (425) 649-7271 or (425) 649-7000.
  - d. Submit a detailed written report to Ecology within five (5) days that describes the nature of the event, corrective action taken and/or planned, steps to be taken to prevent a recurrence, results of any samples taken, and any other pertinent information.

Compliance with this condition does not relieve the Applicant from responsibility to maintain continuous compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order or the resulting liability from failure to comply.

## **I. Appeal Process:**

You have the right to appeal this decision to the Pollution Control Hearings Board. To appeal this you must:

- File your appeal with the Pollution Control Hearings Board within 30 days of the “date of receipt” of this document. Filing means actual receipt by the Board during regular office hours.
- Serve your appeal on the Department of Ecology within 30 days of the “date of receipt” of this document. Service may be accomplished by any of the procedures identified in WAC 371-08-305(10). “Date of receipt” is defined at RCW 43.21B.001(2).

Be sure to do the following:

- Include a copy of this document that you are appealing with your Notice of Appeal.
- Serve and file your appeal in paper form; electronic copies are not accepted.

### **1. To file your appeal with the Pollution Control Hearings Board**

Mail appeal to:

The Pollution Control Hearings Board  
PO Box 40903  
Olympia, WA 98504-0903

Deliver your appeal in person to:

OR The Pollution Control Hearings Board  
4224 – 6th Ave SE Rowe Six, Bldg 2  
Lacey, WA 98503

### **2. To serve your appeal on the Department of Ecology**

Mail appeal to:

The Department of Ecology  
Appeals Coordinator  
P.O. Box 47608  
Olympia, WA 98504-7608

Deliver your appeal in person to:

OR The Department of Ecology  
Appeals Coordinator  
300 Desmond Dr SE  
Lacey, WA 98503

### **3. And send a copy of your appeal to:**

Lori Lull  
Department of Ecology  
3190 160<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
Bellevue, WA 98008



For additional information visit the Environmental Hearings Office Website:

<http://www.eho.wa.gov>

To find laws and agency rules visit the Washington State Legislature Website:

<http://www1.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser>

Your appeal alone will not stay the effectiveness of this Order. Stay requests must be submitted in accordance with RCW 43.21B.320. These procedures are consistent with Ch. 43.21B RCW.

Dated December 8, 2008 at Bellevue Washington.



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Erik Stockdale, 401/Wetlands Unit Supervisor  
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program  
Department of Ecology  
State of Washington

**ATTACHMENT A**

**City of Anacortes  
30<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Ramp  
Water Quality Certification Order #6273**

**Statement of Understanding of  
Water Quality Certification Conditions**

I have read and understand the conditions of Order #6273 Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the City of Anacortes 30<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Ramp Project. I have also read and understand all permits, plans, documents, and approvals associated with the City of Anacortes, 30<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Ramp Project referenced in this Order.

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Signature

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Date

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Title

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Company